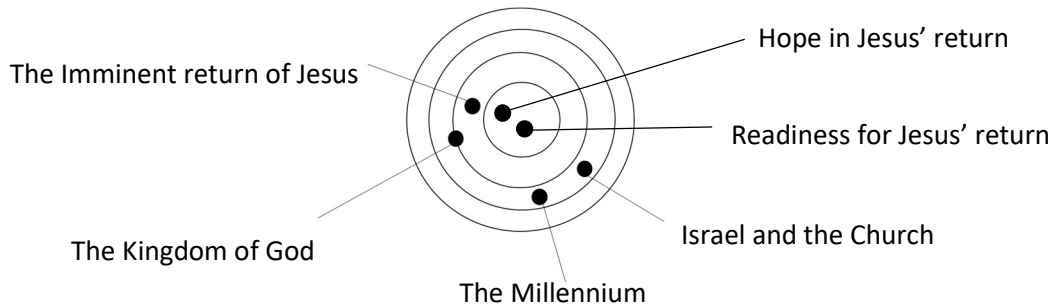


When will Christ return? The Millennium 8-13-23



Revelation 19:11–21 (ESV)

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

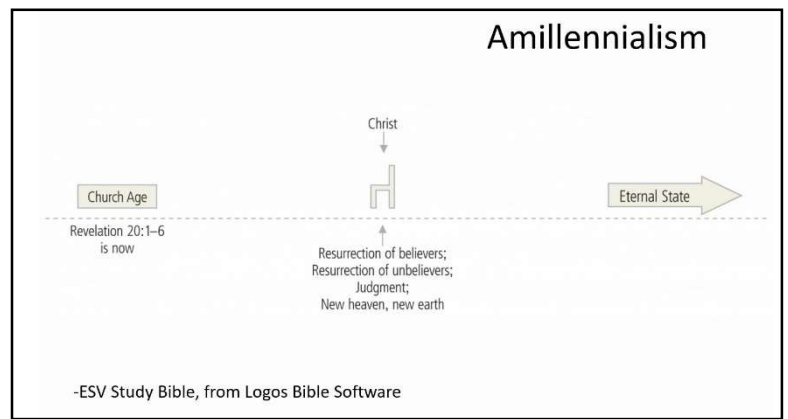
Revelation 20:1–10 (ESV)

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also, I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

⁷ And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

- The kingdom of God is going on spiritually in heaven.
- The present Church Age is a "spiritual kingdom" where Christ is reigning with the saints in heaven.
- There is no Millennium on earth prior to the eternal state.
- Satan has been spiritually bound at the cross. (Matt. 12:28-29)
- 1st resurrection is a spiritual resurrection (Rev. 20:4-5).
- There will be one physical resurrection for judgement at the time of Christ's return.
- One final battle (Rev. 16:14, 19:19, 20:7-10) from at least two separate angles, chapter 19 & 20 borrowing language from Ezekiel 38-39 relating to that battle.
 - "he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God" (Rev 19:17)
 - Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field: 'Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you" (Ezek. 39:17)
 - to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great (Rev. 19:17)
 - You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth... 20 And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all kinds of warriors,' declares the Lord GOD. (Ezek. 39:18-20)
 - and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle (Rev. 20:8)
 - 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. (Ezek. 38:2)



- The kingdom of God is going on spiritually in God's people here on earth and in heaven.
- The Millennium is here on earth now as the church grows and expands its influence until the return of Jesus. (Dan. 2)
- Have a very optimistic view of the future of this world as it is Christianized; we literally bring the God's Kingdom.
- The parables of the kingdom point to sustained growth from small to large. (Matt. 13:31-32)
- Genesis 12:3; Psalm 22:27; Psalm 67:7; Psalm 72:8; Psalm 110:1; Isaiah 11:9; John 3:17; John 12:32; Rom 4:13; Gal. 3:8
- Often coincides with a partial preterist reading of Revelation. (Futurist, Historicist, Idealist, and Preterist)

